

IDEA Council Report

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Women's Caucus: Liz Desnoyers Colas, Georgia Southern University

Caucus on LGBTQ Concerns: Deryl Johnson, Kutztown University

Main council activities in 2023-24

1. Two different subcommittees met throughout this year and recommended the following actions.

The Subcommittee on Caucus Definition and IDEA Council Role recommended that the NCA website and bylaws be amended to incorporate the principles that the caucuses represent "historically underrepresented and marginalized groups within NCA" that "cannot be served under established caucuses or the association at large." The subcommittee also called for changes to the creation process for future caucuses and proposed that the IDEA Council approve future applications.

The Subcommittee on IDEA Statements and Strategic Plan worked to enact Objectives 1.2 and 2.5. These call on all NCA Units to evaluate how they support and implement IDEA principles (1.2) and requires new Units to incorporate into their Bylaws statements supporting IDEA values (2.5). The subcommittee developed questions for the 2025 Unit Reports to assess progress on these goals, and is gathering sample statements and policies to be posted on the new NCA website as a resource for units as they fulfill these objectives.

2. We selected winners for two of our three awards. At our 2024 NCA meeting we will discuss revising the award call language and publication of the evaluation criteria to improve similarity between the nomination packages. We will also discuss how to encourage nominations for (or revise) the Shawn D. Long IDEA Program Award.

3. We developed three panels for this year's convention. In contemporary academia, IDEA related policies and practices are increasingly under threat of state legislature interference and prohibition in such states as Texas, Tennessee, Utah, and Florida. The panels we planned for this year work to address concerns and difficulties these efforts have raised. They are:

IDEA Is Under Attack: Bearing Witness, Offering Presence, Space, Support, and Self-Care
(Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM; Sheraton - Floor 4, Gallier AB)

What's Up with Woke: NCA Caucus Responses to Anti-Woke Rhetoric
(Thursday, 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM; Sheraton - Floor 4, Gallier AB)

Mentorship in the Joint Struggle for Justice and Liberation
(Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM; Sheraton - Floor 4, Gallier AB)

4. We consulted with Patrick West on the development of the new website and are in the process of recommending IDEA-related materials for it.
5. We created a project to give each of the caucuses a retractable banner for use at their NCA panels and the annual intercaucus reception. We're asking the caucuses to create content for their posters, which NCA will develop with them in time for the 2025 convention.
6. We developed standing rules for the council and will vote on their approval at our NCA meeting.